

TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Chief Don DiPetrillo/797-1213 by Herb Hyman/797-1016

SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: N/A

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER TERMINATING THE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE FIRE RESCUE AMBULANCES FROM WHEELED COACH INDUSTRIES, INC.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The Town Council approved the purchase of three (3) fire rescue ambulances from Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc. by Resolution R-2003-234. The purchase of the three (3) ambulances was part of a five (5) year plan to purchase nine (9) ambulances. The agreement to purchase any ambulances beyond the first three (3) may be terminated by written notice. The Fire Department has determined that they can purchase ambulances from another vendor at a cost savings of about \$30,000/unit. The Town would like to exercise its option to cancel the agreement with Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc. to purchase any additional ambulances. After the letter of termination is signed by the Mayor and sent to Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc., a resolution to purchase additional ambulances will be prepared and placed on a future agenda.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: Resolution R-2003-234

CONCURRENCES: The Procurement Manager and the Deputy Fire Chief discussed this item with the Town's Attorney. The termination letter was prepared by the Town's Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Has request been budgeted? N/A

If yes, expected cost: N/A

Account Name: N/A.

Additional Comments: N/A

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the resolution.

Attachment(s):
Termination Letter

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER TERMINATING THE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE FIRE RESCUE AMBULANCES FROM WHEELED COACH INDUSTRIES, INC.

WHEREAS, the Town previously approved the purchase of three (3) fire rescue ambulances from Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc. by Resolution R-2003-234; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the three (3) ambulances was part of a five (5) year plan to purchase nine (9) ambulances; and

WHEREAS, the agreement to purchase additional units from Wheeled Coach may be terminated by written notice; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has determined that the purchase of the last six (6) units can be made through another vendor at a savings of approximately \$30,000/unit as awarded by the Florida Sheriff's Association Bid 04-12-0823; and

WHEREAS, after review, the Town Council wishes to authorize the Mayor to terminate the agreement with Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town Council authorizes the Mayor to execute a letter to Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc. terminating the agreement to buy additional fire rescue ambulances which is attached hereto and identified as Attachment "A".

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2005

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

Attest:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2005

April 6, 2005

Albyn L. Roman, District Manager
Wheeled Coach
Post Office Box 677339
Orlando, Florida 32867-7339

Re: Letter Agreement of March 31, 2003

Dear Mr. Roman:

This letter is being written in reference to that one certain letter of March 31, 2003, written by you in your position as District Manager of Wheeled Coach to Mr. Joe Rivero, the EMS Coordinator of the Town of Davie Fire Department. You will recall that in your letter of March 31, 2003, you provided to Mr. Rivero a quote for the purchase of a Type 1 Medium Duty, MAV, Rescue Ambulance on a 2004 International 4300LP chassis. Your quote as set forth in your letter of March 31, 2003, indicated that the purchase plan was based on the ordering of a minimum of 3 units and you indicated that the proposed base purchase price would be \$126,526.00 per unit. In reliance upon the quote provided by your company, the Town of Davie Fire Department ordered 3 such units from Wheeled Coach. Unfortunately, it took an inordinate amount of time for your company to comply with the request of the Town of Davie and provide the 3 units requested. Further, after receipt of the 3 units, the Town experienced numerous problems with the vehicle and found, among other problems, a great deal of difficulty in obtaining replacement parts from your company, as well as a lack of cooperation or satisfactory customer assistance from your company. The numerous problems which the Town of Davie experienced associated with the units sold to it by Wheeled Coach also took an inordinate amount of our staff's valuable time to resolve and correct.

Your letter of March 31, 2003 indicates that the agreement set forth therein can be terminated by either party by providing written notice of intent to do so. Accordingly, this letter is being written to you to advise you that based upon the lack of adequate service provided by Wheeled Coach to the Town of Davie as well as the numerous problems experienced by the Town of Davie Fire Department relevant to the 3 units sold to it by Wheeled Coach, that the Town of Davie is hereby exercising its right to terminate its agreement to purchase further rescue ambulance units from Wheeled Coach in the future.

If you should have any concerns or questions regarding the contents of this letter, please contact me at once. Otherwise, please accept this as formal and official notice of the Town of Davie's exercise of its right of termination as set forth in the March 31, 2003 letter from yourself to EMS Coordinator, Joe Rivero.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS TRUEX
Mayor, Town of Davie

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